Adjustment of Railway Coal Freights against Power Bills

1011. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that Railways enjoy special concessional tariff on the power used for traction in view of its role in hauling coal for power plants at concessional rates;

(b) the amount of freight dues to the Railways still to be recovered from SEBs, NTPC, etc. and whether the Railways could adjust their power bills against these outstanding dues; and

(c) whether Government would consider setting up captive power plants for the Railways as a long-term perspective, as it already enjoys the advantage of haulage of fuel (coal) with its own rolling stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Railways are not enjoying concessional tariff on the power used for traction. Nor are Railways hauling coal for Power Plants at concessional rates.

(b) A Statement indicating outstanding freight dues from State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/Power Houses (PHs) and National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) as on 31.12.2001 after adjusting the power bills of the SEBs is enclosed as Statement. (*see* below).

(c) A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 18.2.2002 between the Ministry of Railways and National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) for setting up of joint venture power projects. As per MoU, a project committee consisting of members from Ministry of Railways and NTPC shall be constituted to prepare the techno-economic feasibility study report. On the basis of the report, appropriate action shall be taken.

Statement

Dues Recoverable from State Boards/Power Houses to end of December '2001
(Rly-wise Analysis)

(Freight only)
(Figures in crores of Rs.)

Sl. No.	Name of State Electricity Boards/Power Houses	3/2001	12/2001	12/2001	CR	ER	NR	NER	NFR	SR	SCR	SER	WR
1.	Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board	8.38	30.12	0.82								0.82	
2.	Assam State Electricity Board	1.59	2.62	2.03					2.03				
3.	Bihar State Electricity Board	0.44	0.92	2.50		1.33		1.17					
4.	Delhi Vidyut Board	137.49	139.08	159.27			159.27						
5.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	192.06	170.33	53.65									53.65
6.	Haryana State Electricity Board	38.69	72.40	16.40	2.20		14.20						
7.	Karnataka State Electricity Board												
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	0.92	24.39	6.82	4.26							2.56	
9.	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board	1.43	5.14	6.95	6.57							0.38	
10.	Punjab State Electricity Board		62.74	47.20			47.20						
11.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	20.79	61.68	18.11			18.07						0.04
12.	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	8.56	15.05	0.61						0.61			
13.	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board	0.01	13.54	58.79	12.02	43.43	3.34						
14.	West Bengal State Electricity Board	5.12	20.21	31.48		1.42						30.06	
15.	Badarpur Thermal Power Station	958.60	1014.42	998.14			998.14						
16.	National Thermal Power Corporation	6.62	41.46	46.06		4.98	36.77				4.31		
17.	Damodar Valley Corporation	-0.02	0.82	0.10		0.10							
18.	Private Power House-Sabarmati		0.01	0.58									0.58
	Total	**1380.68**	**1674.93**	**1449.51**	**25.05**	**51.26**	**1276.99**	**1.17**	**2.03**	**0.61**	**4.31**	**33.82**	**54.27**